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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-050-C - ORDER NO. 97-248
MARCH 26, 1997

IN RE: Request of Vanguard Cellular Systems,) ORDER
Inc. for Arbitration of its Inter-) APPROVING
connection Agreement with Horry) PLAN
Telephone Cooperative, Inc.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") upon the Petition of Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc. ("Vanguard") for Arbitration of the proposed Interconnection Agreement between Vanguard and Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Horry") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"). This Docket was established in order proceed with the requested Arbitration, and certain scheduling is required in advance of the Arbitration hearing. We hereby adopt the following schedule and procedures for this Arbitration:

1. The Arbitration hearing in this Docket shall begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 28, 1997.
2. Vanguard shall prefile its testimony in this matter on or before March 31, 1997.
3. Horry shall prefile its testimony on or before April 14, 1997.
4. The Parties (Vanguard and Horry), as well as any Participants in this matter, may submit a nonbinding list of

questions to the "Arbitrator" (the Commission) on or before April 21, 1997.

5. Opening statements of the Parties and Participants will be allowed at the beginning of the hearing.

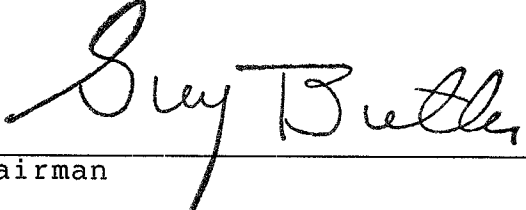
6. Direct testimony and exhibits from the Parties' witnesses shall be presented to the "Arbitrator" in a panel format (all witnesses will be sworn concurrently).

7. Examination of the witnesses shall be conducted by the "Arbitrator" or its designee (the Commission legal staff). Cross-examination may be directed to specific witnesses or to the entire panel.

8. Closing statements of the Parties and Participants will be allowed at the conclusion of the hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to amend or modify the plan and procedures for Arbitration if it deems such action necessary. The Commission also will follow the Arbitration Plan established in prior Arbitration Dockets. This matter shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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